



Hancock Park District

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS Public Meeting Notice and Agenda

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Location: Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area
9250 Township Road 208, Findlay, Ohio 45840
Time: 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2024

Financial Status

1. Review of the Financial Statement dated December 31, 2024, presented by Hancock Park District Business Manager Vicky Stozich

Old Business

1. Naloxbox Initiative
2. Grounds Maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse

New Business

1. Election of Officers: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
2. Election of a member of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees
3. Request to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule
4. Request to approve the 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations
5. Request to approve Resolution 2025-1 requesting the County Auditor to make tax advances during the year 2025, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34
6. Request to approve a new name for Shelter #5 at Riverbend Recreation Area

Discussion

1. Hancock Park District Report:
 - Director – Gary Pruitt
 - Park Operations Manager – Scott Egbert
 - Naturalist – Michelle Rumschlag

Public Input

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.; Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Staff Report/Agenda Supplement
January 14, 2025

Naloxbox Initiative: On November 21, 2024, Kalynn Sommers, harm reduction coordinator/peer support specialist with Hancock Public Health, asked if the Hancock Park District would be interested in putting cabinets with Narcan medication in the parks as part of its Naloxbox Initiative. On December 10, 2024, Ms. Sommers and her associate attended the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners meeting to present information and answer questions. The Board took the information under advisement. However, the question remains: Should the Hancock Park District supply medication (or facilitate the supply of medication) to the public, specifically Narcan? That is the question and the policy decision facing the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners.

Grounds Maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse: On December 20, 2024, the Hancock Park District Director informed Hancock County Commissioner Tim Bechtol of the Hancock Park District's desire to discontinue grounds maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse (and at Dorney Plaza). Commissioner Bechtol was asked about his thoughts on the subject:

1. The timing for this discussion is good since the Hancock County Commissioners had planned on asking the Hancock Park District to maintain the landscaping at the Allan H. Davis Judicial Center.
2. A financial incentive might be offered if the Hancock Park District would continue the work.
3. The Hancock County Commissioners are eternally grateful for the work by the Hancock Park District. The grounds look great.
4. There are plans to hire additional maintenance employees to address a staff shortage. When asked if those additional employees could be used to maintain the courthouse lawn, Commissioner Bechtol thought they might. The other option is to utilize the annual mowing contract.

What apparently began as an informal arrangement to maintain the courthouse lawn should end as a matter of policy. If the Board wants the Hancock Park District to stop maintaining the courthouse lawn (and Dorney Plaza), then a motion should be made to that effect, and a vote should be taken for the record. Afterward, a formal letter could be sent to the Hancock County Commissioners (and City of Findlay).

Election of Officers: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: Board bylaws require the election of a chairperson and at least one vice chairperson.

Election of a member of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees: Board bylaws require the election of one of its members to the Board of Trustees.

Request to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule: Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at Riverbend Recreation Area's Brugeman Lodge (see 2025 Meeting Schedule).

Request to approve the 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations: Approval by the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners will serve as the Hancock Park District's official recognition and acceptance of gifts, grants and donations (see 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations).

Request to approve Resolution 2025-1 requesting the County Auditor to make tax advances during the year 2025, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34: Advances on tax collections to the Hancock Park District's General Fund will ease cash flow requirements and prevent bank borrowing with interest for current expenses (see Resolution 2025-1).

Request to approve a new name for Shelter #5 at Riverbend Recreation Area: *Veterans Pavilion* was the name mentioned by Park Commissioner Scott Younger (and briefly discussed with the Hancock Park District Director) after the December 10, 2024 Board meeting.

HANCOCK PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
Meeting Minutes for January 14, 2025

The January 14, 2025 meeting of the Hancock Park District Board of Park Commissioners was held at Brugeman Lodge in Riverbend Recreation Area.

Park Commissioners Present: Ed Ingold, Scott Younger, Rick Kidwell
Staff Present: Gary Pruitt, Vicky Stozich, Scott Egbert, Michelle Rumschlag
Guests: David Distel, Mike Gilligan, Betsy Worden, Patrick Barnes, Jillian Strete,
Lisa McClain, Cameron Williams

The meeting was called to order by Ed Ingold at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Rick Kidwell to approve Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL STATUS

Income and expense reports year to date December 31, 2024 were reviewed by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Naloxbox Initiative: A motion was made by Rick Kidwell with a second by Ed Ingold to inform Hancock Public Health that the Hancock Park District is not interested in putting naloxboxes in the Hancock Park System. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Grounds Maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Rick Kidwell to write a letter informing the Hancock County Commissioners that the Hancock Park District will discontinue grounds maintenance at the Hancock County Courthouse (and Dorney Plaza). Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers: Chairperson and Vice Chairperson: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Rick Kidwell to elect Ed Ingold as chairperson and Scott Younger and Rick Kidwell as co-chairperson. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Election of a member of the Board of Park Commissioners to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Rick Kidwell to elect Rick Kidwell to the Hancock Parks Foundation Board of Trustees. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Ed Ingold to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve the 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Rick Kidwell to approve the 2024 Schedule of Gifts, Grants and Donations. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve Resolution 2025-1 requesting the County Auditor to make tax advances during the year 2025, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34: A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Rick Kidwell to approve Resolution 2025-1. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Request to approve a new name for Shelter #5 at Riverbend Recreation Area: A motion was made by Rick Kidwell with a second by Ed Ingold to change the name of Shelter #5 to Veterans Pavilion. Motion carried by a 2-0 vote. Park Commissioner Scott Younger abstained from voting.

DISCUSSION

Hancock Park District Report:

The writing of the Cooper Pond Master Plan is underway. It is 95% finished. Photographs and other diagrams need to be added. It should be ready for the Board's review at the March meeting. The Personnel Manual is under review along with operational procedures and policies. Changes that require Board approval are anticipated. The Personnel Manual should be ready for the Board's review at the March meeting. A discussion will be initiated at the next Findlay Park and Recreation Board meeting about the cancellation of the Riverwalk Agreement.

Park Operations Department employees will be taking 811 Call Before You Dig training courses and emergency response courses. Storage racks for kayaks will be constructed in the storage building at Blanchard River Nature Preserve.

There have not been any cross-country ski rentals yet. Spring public programs will be advertised on February 1. Summer Camps will be advertised on March 1. The puppet show is being planned.

PUBLIC INPUT

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Scott Younger with a second by Rick Kidwell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes approved:

Edward D. Ingold, Chairperson

Gary E. Pruitt, Director/Secretary

Date

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